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Soviet Troops in the North Ural MD

<u>Town</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Source and</u> <u>Employment</u>	<u>Installation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Sverdlovsk (N56-50, E60-38)	25X1X		Barracks installation of several four-story brick buildings.	On the edge of a woods north- west of Nizhne Issetskiy, about 10 km southeast of Sverdlovsk.	Occupied by a tank unit; troops wearing tank in- signia on their epaulets were observed around the installation. Firing was heard from the ter- rain at the rear of the installation.	
			1. Barracks installation of ten wooden two-story cantonment buildings, about 40x10 meters, and several sheds; enclosed by a board fence.	South of the city, on the east side of the road to Ufa (N54-43, E56-00).	Occupied by a motorized unit of about 400 men. Several short-barreled infantry guns and a great number of person- nel carriers and trucks were observed in the barracks area.	
			2. Barracks installation of two five-story brick buildings, about 100 meters long, and several small brick buildings and garages; surrounded by a high brick wall.	In the central sector of the city, about 1.5 km south of the main railroad station, at a big street crossing.	Occupied by an infantry unit of about 500 men wearing red epaulets with crossed-rifle insignia on white-ring background. One major was observed to be the ranking officer. Several trucks and jeeps were stored in the bar- racks area.	It was common extensive artil- lery range was located in the woods northeast of the city.

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1. Barracks installation of two sections; the section north of the street consisting of one three-story building and three storehouses; that south of the street including eight to ten cantonment buildings, about 50 meters long.

In the center of the city, several hundred meters west of the weather station on the top of a hill, on both sides of the street leading in the direction of Istok (N56-06, E60-50).

Occupied by an artillery unit of not less than 500 troops wearing red epaulets. Five guns of about 150 mm and 15 AT guns of about 75 mm with muzzle brakes were observed in front of the storehouses in the northern section of the installation. About 20 trucks and five prime movers were stored in the barracks yard.

2. Military compound of several three-to six-story brick buildings, some of which were already occupied.

In the central sector of the city, adjoining a large square.

MVD headquarters building. Two generals were frequently observed inspecting the building site. MVD sentries stood guard at the entrances. MVD officers and their families lived in the upper stories. Not less than 50 passenger cars were observed in a parking lot of the compound daily.

The music school of the Stalin Youth was housed in one of the buildings.

Military billets of one brick building and some excavated bunkers.

About 1 km north of the road to Nizhnyy Tagil (57-55, E59-57).

Occupied by a tank unit of undetermined strength. Some armored vehicles, AT guns, and prime movers were observed in the billeting area. Heavy boxes were stored in the excavated bunkers by troops. Besides, about 100 fuel drums were observed in the yard near the road.

In September 1949 a barracks installation of six brick buildings and several storehouses north of the city, some armored vehicles being stored in the barracks yard.

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One more barracks installation, surrounded by a high wall, was located in the northwestern perimeter of the city. According to Soviet civilians, the installation quartered an infantry unit.

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Sugres
(Sredneur-
alsk)
(N57-00,
E60-28).

Barracks installation of one three-story brick building.

In the central sector of the city, near a freight station.

Occupied by a unit of 300 troops wearing red epaulets with crossed-rifle insignia on red practice-target background. The troops were equipped with rifles, sub-machine guns, and light machine guns. Close-combat and infantry training was frequently held on the perimeter of the city.

According to Soviet workers, an NCO school was located in the barracks installation.

Barracks installation of one large three-story brick building.

Near the freight station.

An infantry unit of about 100 soldiers carrying rifles was frequently observed marching out of the installation.

Pyshma
(Metnik)
(N56-55,
E63-13).

Barracks installation of one brick building.

On the eastern perimeter of the town at a thinly wooded hill.

Occupied by a tank unit. Tanks camouflaged with tarpaulins were stored in the barracks area. Reports of tank guns and rifles were heard at all times from a training ground located northeast of the installation.

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Kadnikova,
about 30 km
southeast
of Sverd-
lovsk.

Military installation,
about 600x400 meters,
enclosed by a board
fence, 2 meters high.

About 500 me-
ters south-
-southwest of the
town in a woods.

According to Soviet
guards and residents of
the village, the instal-
lation was to become an
army dog school. Con-
struction was started in
June 1947. The instal-
lations completed by
November 1947 included
one two-story adminis-
tration and mess build-
ing with a garage, four
kennels, three excavated
bunkers to store pota-
toes, etc., and one shower-
bath. Some more kennels,
one bathing basin, and one
brick building were under
construction. The kennels
were constructed of un-
dressed wooden beams and
covered with cement slabs.
Each kennel was 18x3x5
meters and broken down
into 10 cages. In Sep-
tember 1947, the instal-
lation was inspected by
a general.

One more military
dog-breaking-in
station, which
was already being
operated, was loca-
ted on a highway,
about nine km
southeast of
Sverdlovsk.

Azbest,
about 50
km east-
northeast
of Sverdlovsk

Building site, about
500 meters square.

About one km south-
east of the rail-
road station.

Extensive excavations were made
in the building site. According to
fellow PWs doing surveying work,
the excavation was 30 meters deep.
A huge concrete bunker was being
constructed in the excavation by
PWs and Soviet convicts, supervised by
German engineers. The bunker was
generally referred to as atomic
bomb shelter for the Azbest population

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Izhevsk
(N56-51,
E53-14)

Billets of one 4-story brick building, about 60x15 meters, with a gun of about 76.2 mm on either side of the entrance.

Northwestern sector of the city, on the east side of a northbound thoroughfare about two km north-northeast of a weir.

Occupied by an officer candidate school. One colonel was observed to be the ranking officer. From 150 to 200 trainees were frequently observed marching out of the billets. Part wore blue-bordered epaulets, some without insignia and some with artillery insignia, and some had black epaulets, with tank and artillery insignia. The epaulets of all trainees were bordered with a wide golden facing. The appearance and behavior of the troops were excellent. When marching out for practice, they carried pistols and submachine guns.

The building was referred to as hospital by local residents. Also troops of other units were seen in Izhevsk. According to Soviet inhabitants, a high echelon headquarters was also located in the city.

Molotov
(N58-00,
E56-15)

Training grounds.

About eight km northwest of the city, north of the Molotov-Krasnokamsk highway.

Four or five guns of about 150 mm were emplaced in firing position in the terrain. Reports of guns and blasts were frequently heard in the area.

Barracks installation of one wooden two-story building and three low wooden houses.

Western sector of the city; bounded by Kuybysheva, Dalmatovskaya, Lunarcharskogo, and Yamskaya Streets.

Trucks with box-shaped superstructures, mounting antennas (pivoted cross antennas) were frequently observed in the barracks area.

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Barracks installation.

About one km east of the large rail-road bridge on the southern bank of the Kama River.

The barracks installation was referred to as Kadetskaya Skhola by local residents. The troops wore blue navy uniforms. In the morning, two units, each numbering about 150 troops, were frequently observed marching to the training area located south of the city. They were equipped with rifles, machine guns, and mortars and made a good impression. Training with large rowing boats manned with 12-to 15-man crews was regularly observed on the Kama River. A gunboat regularly landed at the navy school. The boat was equipped with a mine-laying device, one gun, and AA guns, and was about 10 meters long. Flag signals, given either from boat to boat or from the boats to the northern bank of the river, were observed at the exercises on the Kama River.

stated that he observed a barracks installation of one long multi-story brick building, with a sentry wearing a navy uniform in front of it, on the same site in December 1949. Navy units of 200 to 400 troops were frequently observed in the area of the city.

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Billets of wooden temporary barracks.

Northern perimeter of the city.

Occupied by an engineer unit of 400 to 500 troops wearing black epaulets with insignia. The unit was working on the construction of a railroad line, 12 km long and directly connecting Turinsk and Karpinsk, and, later, on road construction. From 40 to 50 trucks and cars of the

observed an engineer unit of three companies, quartered in billets and tents, in Turinsk in 1949. The unit worked on the construction of roads and bridges.

Turinsk, about 300 meters northeast of Molotov

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Karpinsk,
about 12 km
west of
Turinsk.

Billets of one large
and several smaller
brick buildings.

Not identified.

unit as well as the
vehicles of a well-equipped
maintenance platoon were
stored in a yard.

Occupied by an engineer
unit of at least 500 troops,
mostly of senior classes.
The unit had at least 50
trucks, which were stored
on the eastern perimeter
of the city. The troops
worked on the construction
of a railroad line leading
directly to Turinsk, which
was opened to traffic in
the spring of 1949.

The unit had been
stationed in Ger-
many prior to
early 1948.

Comment:
According to
source, this and
similar units in
Turinsk and Serov,
about 16 km north
of Turinsk,
arrived there in
early 1948 and
were elements of
a larger unit.

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Serov, about
16 km north
of Turinsk.

Billets of one wooden
four-story building,
about 35x20 meters, and
several small wooden
sheds.

In the southern
sector of the
city, about 250
meters west of
the railroad
station.

Occupied by an engineer
unit of 200 or 300 troops,
mostly of senior classes.
Most of them spoke some
German, because the unit
had belonged to the oc-
cupation forces in Germany.

Kirov
(N58-35,
E49-38).

Barracks installation
of one three-story brick
building, about 50x20
meters, and several small
wooden sheds.

About two km
west of a railroad
station located on
the western peri-
meter of the town.

Occupied by a military unit.
Several small AT guns were
observed in front of the
wooden sheds.

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Vorkuta
(N67-30,
E64-00).Barracks installation of
10 wooden huts, two
kitchen buildings, and
one storehouse.Near a water tow-
er, 20 meters
high, in the vi-
cinity of the
railroad station.

Occupied by an MVD unit of
600 to 800 troops wearing
blue-bordered red epaulets.
The unit was equipped with
rifles, submachine guns,
and light machine guns.
It was referred to as MVD
central post and served
as a replacement unit for
the guard details of the
very numerous convict
camps in the Vorkuta area.

Sixty-one convict
camps, each num-
bering 1,000 to
1,500 convicts,
were located in
the Vorkuta area.
A detail of 50 to
70 guards was as-
signed to each camp.

Soviet Supply Installations in the North Ural MD

Sverdlovsk

Fuel depot, about 500
meters square, with a
board fence along the
street front, the rest
being enclosed by a
barbed-wire fence.

Southeastern
sector of the
city, on the
southwest side
of the Istok
road.

Four or five tanks, about
ten meters high, eight meters
in diameter, and painted
silver gray; and some smaller
ones, vertically set up on
the ground. Trucks loaded
with fuel drums and driven
by soldiers were observed
leaving the depot.

1. Supply depot of six
dark wooden storehouses,
about 30x15x7 meters;
equipped with a railroad
spur; and surrounded by
a double barbed-wire fence,
two or three meters
high.

Southeastern
sector of the
city, north of
the Istok thor-
oughfare.

Generally referred to as the
navy depot. The installation
was guarded by sailors. The
unloading of several cars was
frequently observed. The
escort party consisted of navy
personnel. Large boxes were
unloaded. No outgoing ship-
ments were observed.

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2. Fuel depot, about 600 meters square, and enclosed by a barbed-wire fence.

Southeastern sector of the city, on the southwest side of the same thoroughfare.

The depot was guarded by soldiers. Fuel was regularly picked up by army vehicles.

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Supply depot, about 900 x300 meters, of one wooden administration building, about 100 meters long; three storehouses, about 150x18 meters, each consisting of a basement, a first, and a second floor; four wooden sheds, about 70 meters long; and one armory, equipped with a railroad spur, and surrounded by a wooden fence with watchtowers.

Northwest of the city, adjoining the marshaling yard to the northwest.

Referred to as MVB depot. The items stored in the storehouses included thousands of small arms, machine guns and mortars, winter and summer clothing, motor-vehicle spare parts and lubricants, sport equipment, canned and other foodstuffs of various types, and medicines. Kitchen equipment, cables, gas protective equipment, and worn-out clothing were stored in the wooden sheds. The manpower employed in the depot was estimated at 60 PWs and 120 civilians. Several railroad cars came in and left daily.

This depot and the adjoining one of the civil administration, which was separated by a barbed-wire fence, were one compound. Rations and metals were stored in the 3 storehouses of the civil administration.

Ration supply depot of three concrete storehouses, about 150 meters long, each consisting of a basement and two stories, six single-story storehouses, one administration building, about 100 meters long, one service station with

Northwest of the city, adjoining the marshaling yard to the northwest.

a. The depot was referred to as MVD Sklad No 13, and was subordinate to the MVD. All officers and EM wore MVD uniforms. The officers had service caps with red bands and yellow-bordered epaulets. One lieutenant colonel was in charge of the depot; also one major

Clothing and metals of the civil administration were stored in three storehouses enclosed by an additional fence.

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two tanks, and one garage; surrounded by a wooden fence with watchtowers; and equipped with a railroad spur.

and nine other officers were employed in the installation. The depot was frequently inspected by a general.

b. Ordnance, clothing, rations, motor vehicle equipment, etc, were stored in the storehouses. The garage housed 15 trucks of various types.

c. During three years, six or seven cars were loaded and unloaded daily. Rations and articles of clothing were picked up by trucks of the Sverdlovsk PW camps.

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Armored vehicle storage yard, enclosed by a wire fence.

North of the city, in the woods west of the Nizhniy Tagil highway.

Far more than 500 armored vehicles, referred to as new T-34 tanks, were stored in the yard. The noise of running engines was heard from the woods both day and night. Tanks were frequently observed being taken to the freight station by flatcars.

Molotov

1. Supply depot of several large storehouses.

In the western sector of the city, on the north side of the railroad line about one and one-half km southeast of the large railroad bridge.

clothing and equipment for units stationed in Molotov were stored in the installation.

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2. Ordnance depot, about In the center
200 meters wide and en- of the city,
closed by a wooden fence. on the eastern
bank of the
Egoshikha
Rivulet, ad-
joining a gun
factory to the
northwest.

A great number of guns
up to 100 mm, including
captured German ones,
German prime movers, and
motor vehicles of various
types were stored in the
depot. The guns were
arranged by types and
looked well maintained.

Supply depot of about
15 wooden single-story
storehouses.

North of the
city.

Rations including grain,
flour, and canned food-
stuffs were stored in
the depot. The items
were picked up by trucks
of the units.

Supply depot of one
wooden three-story
building, about 50
meters long, and
several large tents.

About one and one-
half km west-south-
west of the main
railroad station
located on the
southwestern peri-
meter of the city.

According to Soviet civi-
lians, the installation
was a navy medical depot.

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